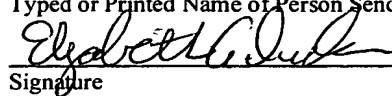


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of ) Confirmation No.: 7432  
Giridhari L. Agrawal )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
and  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sirs:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, to March 1, 2006, for filing a response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on Page 2.

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